



Press Release
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Sheriff's Office to Participate in National Drug Take Back Event

The **Shelby County Sheriff's Office** is again partnering with the **Drug Enforcement Agency** this year in providing the community with various locations throughout Memphis and Shelby County to drop off any unused or expired prescription medications.

This is a yearly initiative that **Sheriff Bill Oldham** and his office is proud to be a part of and allows the community a safer alternative in desposing of their unused medications.

Below are the locations and times that will be available for drop off and desposal on **Saturday, September 26, 2015.**

**The Krogers Store located at 11635 Hwy. 70 (Summer Ave.) in Arlington, Tn.
10:00 am until 2:00 pm.**

**The Krogers Store located at 7942 Winchester (at Hacks Cross Rd.)
10:00am until 2:00 pm.**

**1080 Madison Ave. (at I-240).
10:00 am until 2:00 pm.**

(The DEA cannot accept liquids or needles or sharps, only pills or patches.) The service is **free and anonymous** with no questions asked.

Last September, Americans turned in 309 tons (over 617,000 pounds) of prescription drugs at nearly 5,500 sites operated by the DEA and more than 4,000 of its state and local law enforcement partners. When those results are combined with what was collected in its eight previous Take Back events, DEA and its partners have taken in over 4.8 million pounds, more than 2,400 tons of pills.

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet.

For more information about the disposal of prescription drugs or about the September 26th Take Back Day event, go to the DEA Office of Diversion Control site or contact Shelby County Sheriff's Narcotics at **901-222-5400** or you can find us at "Shelby County Narcotics tip page" on facebook.

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